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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY MTN SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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1. HEADS OF U.S., EC AND JAPANESE DELEGATIONS MET WITH
GATT DG LONG JANUARY 26 AND REACHED AGREEMENT ON A GENERAL
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APPROACH FOR MOVING AHEAD ON THE NEXT PHASE DF NEGOTI-
ATIONS AND BRINGING INTO ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AS MANY
COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE. THE GENERAL THEMES ARE THE
FOLLOWING:

A. RECOGNIZING RESTLESSNESS AND FRUSTRATIONS OF
LDC'S, GET THEM INVOLVED PROMPTLY ON AS BROAD SCALE BASIS

AS PRACTICAL FOR POSITIVE RESULTS.

B. MOVE THE TOKYO ROUND AHEAD ACROSS THE BOARD, BEGINNING WITH SMALLER, INFORMAL GROUPS WHENEVER READY TO GET MOMENTUM.

C. STICK PREDOMINANTLY TO SHORT, INFORMAL SESSIONS (AFTERNOON MEETINGS BEGINNING AT 3:00 PM EARLIEST) ON KEY, CONTROVERSIAL AREAS OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST TO LDC'S (E.G., SAFEGUARDS, TARIFFS ((FOR INFORMATION)) AND FRAMEWORK).

D. BUILD FROM A BILATERAL/TRILATERAL NUCLEUS INTO SLIGHTLY EXPANDED GROUPS OF FOUR TO SIX AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE.

E. INTRODUCE SOME "FIVE PLUS FIVE" SESSIONS INVOLVING ONLY EIGHT TO TEN KEY LEADER COUNTRIES OF ALL GROUPS AS AN INTERMEDIARY STEP FOR AIRING MAJOR CONFRONTATIONAL ISSUES AND SEEKING BROADER CONSENSUS.

F. KEEP AN ACTIVE, WIDESPREAD NEGOTIATING CALENDAR GOING SO THAT NO COUNTRY OR GROUP FEELS DELIBERATELY EXCLUDED.

G. KICK OFF THE SECOND PHASE HARD OVER NEXT TWO WEEKS TO RELEASE PENT UP STEAM, GET INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS MOVING AND SIGNAL DEFINITELY BY ACTIONS THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WE ARE NO LONGER PLANNING A NEGOTIATION BUT HAVE ONE ACTIVELY UNDERWAY.

H. AGREED ALSO TO SUPPORT A GENERAL SEVEN PLUS SEVEN MONTHLY MEETING TO HELP KEEP ALL PARTIES INFORMED AND UP TO DATE IF DG LONG FEELS THIS IS NEEDED TO MEET NEEDS OF LDC'S WHO HAVE CALLED A SPECIAL MEETING WITH HIM EARLY NEXT WEEK.

2. AS A RESULT, THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE FOR MTN INFORMAL MEETINGS AND SELECTED FORMAL GROUP AND SUBGROUP MEETINGS WAS WORKED OUT. SCHEDULE AND NOTATION OF PURPOSE OF EACH MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. JANUARY 30 AT 3:00 P.M.--AN INFORMAL NON-SUBSTANTIVE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF U.S., EC, JAPAN, CANADA AND A NORDIC REP TO DISCUSS HOW TO MOVE FORWARD ON SUBSIDIES/COUNTERVAIL.

B. JANUARY 30 AND 31--SUBGROUP DAIRY (INVITATION ALREADY CIRCULATED ON 23 JANUARY AS GATT/AIR/1433).

C. JANUARY 31 AT 3:00 P.M.--A SEVEN PLUS SEVEN ON
TARIFFS. THIS WILL NOT BE A DECISION-MAKING SESSION
BUT, AT DG INITIATIVE, TO GIVE SMALLER DELEGATIONS AN
OPPORTUNITY TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE PICTURE AND TO DISCUSS
SUCH ELEMENTS AS THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR
CIRCULATION OF OFFERS, DISCUSS DATE FOR TABLING OF
OFFERS BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHO HAVE NOT YET TABLED,
DATE FOR CIRCULATION OF SPECIFIC OFFERS AT LINE ITEM
LEVEL IN CASES WHERE THIS WAS NOT DONE IN OFFERS ALREADY
TABLED, DISCUSS THE PERIOD OF TIME DELEGATIONS WILL NEED
TO EXAMINE OFFERS, DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL
REQUESTS, AS WELL AS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON S&D.

D. FEBRUARY 1 AND 2--SUBGROUP MEAT (INVITATION
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CIRCULATED 23 JANUARY AS GATT/AIR/1432).

E. FEBRUARY 3 AT 3:00 P.M.--SEVEN PLUS SEVEN ON

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FRAMEWORK. DG PROPOSED A BALANCED GROUP OF EIGHT OR NINE DEVELOPED AND EIGHT OR NINE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS ALREADY CIRCULATED TO SEE IF THEY ARE ACCEPTABLE AS A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION AND, IF NOT, TO CONSIDER HOW TEXT COULD BE DRAWN UP WHICH COULD SERVE AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION. (AMBASSADOR MCDONALD TOLD OTHERS PRESENT THAT WE HAD MADE CLEAR TO BRAZILIANS BILATERALLY THIS WEEK THAT THEIR TEXTS, WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF ONE OR TWO POINTS, WERE FAR TOO EXTREME TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION. LUYTEN OF EC CHARACTERIZED MANY ELEMENTS OF BRAZILIAN TEXT AS "CRAZY" AND THOUGHT A FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS MIGHT HELP CLEAR THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AIR; EC WOULD NOT HESITATE TO PUT FORWARD A STRONG POSITION ON "GRADUATION".)

F. FEBRUARY 6 AT 3:00 P.M.--SEVEN PLUS SEVEN ON SAFEGUARDS. DG PROPOSED THIS BE RESTRICTED TO BIG THREE, CANADA, A NORDIC REP, AUSTRALIA AND A SMALL NUMBER OF LDC'S. PURPOSE WOULD BE TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE SAFEGUARDS HYPOTHESIS CIRCULATED BY U.S. AND EC AND TO ESTABLISH A PLAN OF WORK TO MOVE THIS TOPIC FORWARD.

G. FEBRUARY 8--SUBGROUP ON CUSTOMS VALUATION (INVITATION CIRCULATED 23 JANUARY AS GATT/AIR/1431).

H. FEBRUARY 27--IMPORT LICENSING. BIG THREE AGREED TO CONFIRM LATER WHETHER THIS SHOULD BE A SEVEN PLUS SEVEN OR FORMAL MEETING OF SUBGROUP.

I. END OF FEBRUARY--A GENERAL SEVEN PLUS SEVEN INFORMATIONAL MEETING. EC GAVE STRONG SUPPORT TO U.S. SUGGESTION THAT SEVEN PLUS SEVEN MIGHT USEFULLY BE CONVENED ON A REGULAR BASIS, SAY MONTHLY, IN ORDER TO LET SMALLER DELEGATIONS KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING ACROSS THE BOARD. DG WAS INITIALLY SKEPTICAL, FEARING SUCH MEETINGS MIGHT LEAD TO CALLS FOR FORMAL TNC SESSIONS, BUT ACCEDDED TO U.S. AND EC VIEWS THAT RISKS OF CALLS FOR TNC MIGHT BE GREATER UNLESS A WIDER GROUP OF COUNTRIES WERE KEPT UP TO DATE ON DEVELOPMENTS PER ACCELERATED MTN PACE (MANY ELEMENTS OF WHICH THEY COULD NOT HOPE TO PARTICIPATE IN DUE STAFF LIMITATIONS).

J. MARCH 6-10--TECHNICAL BARRIERS TO TRADE
(STANDARDS); WITH UNDERSTANDING FIRST TWO DAYS LIKELY
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TO BE FOR INFORMAL MEETINGS AND LATTER TWO OR THREE
DAYS FOR FORMAL SUBGROUP.

K. MARCH 17 OR MARCH 20--SUBGROUP ON GOVERNMENT
PROCUREMENT (TO BE PRECEDED BY BILATERALS AND PLURI-
LATERALS).

L. SHORTLY AFTER MARCH 23--SUBGROUP GRAINS TO
CONSIDER PROGRAM OF WORK IN LIGHT RESULTS OF IWC-
SPONSORED NEGOTIATIONS SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 13-MARCH 23.

3. FOREGOING SCHEDULE IS BY NO MEANS A COMPLETE
INVENTORY OF MTN WORK PROGRAM DURING THIS PERIOD.
BILATERALS AND PLURILATERALS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY AND
WILL CONTINUE MORE-OR-LESS ACROSS THE BOARD. READY
COOPERATION OF EC AND JAPANESE DELEGATIONS IN SETTING
THE DATES IN PARA 2 ABOVE INDICATES INTENTION TO MOVE
AHEAD QUICKLY IN LINE WITH STRAUSS/HAFERKAMP/USHIBA
UNDERSTANDING AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS WEEK.

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